

Leonardo da Vinci Programme

5th Partners meeting in Akureyri. PM5

3. – 4. October 2013



Information about arriving in Iceland.

Coming to Iceland:

You will most probably land at the Southwest tip of Iceland, Keflavik International Airport. **KEF**

From there it takes 45 minutes to Reykjavik. There is Flybus to take, tickets can be bought on the plane (at least Icelandair flights) and in the terminal.

If you are traveling to Akureyri the same day you might want to buy a shuttle to the domestic air terminal. Ask where you buy shuttle tickets. In all it takes around two hours from

landing to Reykjavik with passport control, luggage pickup, and Flybus to Reykjavik. If you ask the driver the Flybus shuttle will take you to most hotels. You pay extra for the flybus to get to a hotel, ask where you buy tickets for the flybus.



Car rentals are found in the terminal in Keflavik.

Reykjavik has about 120.000 people but the surrounding towns, grown into Reykjavik bring the Reykjavik region up to about 210.000 people. The area is not densely inhabited so the city takes up a lot of land.

Travelling to Iceland.

Information about flights to Iceland: Here is a list of airlines selling flights to Keflavik.

<http://www.kefairport.is/English/Service/Airlines/>

Icelandair has the most extensive service. Flying two times per day from London and Copenhagen and every day (most days) from Amsterdam, Paris, Oslo and Helsinki and more.

Other airlines are also offering flights to Iceland: SAS, Norwegian, EasyJet, WOW Air (another Icelandic airline, usually lower rate) and a few others during summer.

Be careful to explore all possibilities of flights to and from Iceland to lower the travel cost and find the best time.

Weather.

We never know what to expect from the weather in Iceland. In October you have to be prepared for temperatures in the range of -5 °C up to 15°C, sunny or rain / sleet / snow, heavy wind, slight wind or no wind. So it is necessary to bring warm clothes and be prepared for wind. We are not planning to stay outside unless the weather is very good.

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??? Swim suit. ????

You might bring a swim suit of some sort. We have not decided this yet but many tourists in Iceland visit a swimming pool.

Prices:

Almost everything in Iceland is expensive. However the Icelandic currency lkr (Icelandic krona) is so low these months that you get a lot of kronas for the Euro or the Pound. About 163 ISK for one Euro. What the rate will be in October is no way to predict. Hopefully more like 150 ISK per Euro.

When arriving it is possible to shop at a duty free store. Liquor is expensive in Iceland so if someone is bringing some for him/herself or to bring in for the celebration of a good project.

From Reykjavik to Akureyri.

The domestic airport is in Reykjavik, almost in the center of Reykjavik. You take a taxi to the airport or if convenient you use the flybus shuttle. The domestic air terminal is not the place to spend hours, it is very small and not much to do. The domestic airline uses Fokker propeller planes, not jets. The flight is about 45 minutes to Akureyri.

<http://www.airiceland.is/>

Driving between Reykjavik and Akureyri is about five hours with little stops. 390 km.

VMA will meet you at Akureyri airport and take you to the KEA-Hotel in the center of Akureyri. 5 min drive. Note that Akureyri is a village/town of about 18.000 people.

<http://www.visitakureyri.is/en>

Hotel in Reykjavík.

It is quite likely that some of the partners will stay in Reykjavik, one night or more.

KEA Hotels has a hotel in Reykjavík. <http://www.keahotels.is/Hotel-Bjork>

If you want to use this the cost is good, 65 – 70 Euros for a single room one night.

The location of KEA hotel in Reykjavík is not too bad. Not quite in the old center but not far from the main shopping street downtown Reykjavík. A shuttlebus for the international airport will take you from the hotel.

Please let us know if you want to check this hotel and stay one or more nights.. VMA will most likely get a better rate than an online reservation.

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Practical information.

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Afternoon trip. Friday

The plan is to take go for a trip approx. 40 km north from Akureyri to villages at the sea.

A visit to a small brewery, having a look at Dalvík, Ketil's hometown and take a boat to Hrisey, an Island in Eyjafjörður.

Hrisey is a village and some of the houses are now being used as summer houses.

Kristin's family has one.

The group will have dinner there and enjoy the rural atmosphere.

If weather is bad we will change this plan.

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Agenda

This might change, will be discussed in Finland.

Wednesday October 2nd 2013		
14.00 – 20.00	Partners arrive in Akureyri. Staying in KEA-Hotel. VMA takes care of transfer from Airport to hotel.	
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner at Strikid and getting to know Akureyri	
Thursday October 3rd 2013		
7.00 – 8.30	Breakfast at hotel	
8.30 – 12.00	Gathering at hotel, Meeting in VMA. Coffee Reviewing materials, finishing editions to the Workmentor Manual and other information and tools to use in Mentoring workshops. A tour of VMA. Deciding final publication of materials.	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch in VMA. Students at food / catering dept.	
13.00 – 16.00	Meeting in VMA Preparing the final conference, Final administrative issues.	
16.00 – 22.00	Afternoon and evening (dinner) Visiting Oskar etc	

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Friday October 4th 2013		
7.00 – 9.00	Breakfast at hotel	
9.00 – 12.00	<p>Sport Hall Very close to swimming pool</p> <p>Conference: Education – all levels in dialogue We will attend the keynote lecture.</p> <p>Workshop on the Workmentor Project We will review the project work and outcomes and explain implications to workplace education.</p>	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch at the conference	
13.00 – 15.00	<p>Additional Workshops. At the conference. Hopefully we will host a workshop on workplace education and training, Inputs from Workmentor Partners, Employers in Akureyri, Teacher's College at the University of Akureyri and ministry of education, has not been finalized.</p>	
16.00 – 22.00	<p>Afternoon and evening. Short trip away from Akureyri. A brewery, Dalvík, (hometown of Ketill) Hrísey - Island, Dinner at Kristin's summerhouse in Hrísey</p>	
20.00 – 22.00	If partners need to leave Akureyri in the evening, transportation will be arranged to airport.	
Late evening	Arriving at Hotel.	
Saturday October 5th 2013		
	<p>Partners leave Akureyri. Probably. VMA will take care of transportation to airport.</p>	